

THE OUTCROP.

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LUMBER INDUSTRY

The Windermere District's Good Opportunity

Opportunities now going to wait in the lumber industry in the Windermere district have quite frequently been mentioned in these columns, and as results of this industry should now be in a flourishing condition the appended from the Howland Miner is submitted:

Last year the lumbering industry of West and Kootenay attained proportions greater than at any previous period, and the ensuing year will see further advances on an equally important scale.

In 1902 the output of the lumber mills in the two districts, both of which are under the supervision of John R. Martin, deputy timber inspector, exceeded the production of 1901 by 33 per cent, and the present year will see an increase over the record of 1902 of not less than one third.

On the Crow's Nest road alone are 21 lumber mills, while in the Columbia valley there are four more, all shipping their cut into the Territories and all loaded with orders that will keep them at the jump the entire year.

The increased output this year will come from the establishment of new mills. At Wardner, the Breckenridge & Lund syndicate has about completed a mill that will turn out no less than 140,000 feet of lumber in each 24 hours, and this is the largest plant in the Kootenay. At Shuswap City a new mill is being constructed that will have a capacity of 100,000 feet and an American company is building a mill on the Arrowhead side of the arm of the lake that will have a large daily output. The area of timber limits bought or leased for this year's operations has been the largest on record.

The remarkable expansion in the Northwest Territories explains the unprecedented activity in the lumbering districts of the Kootenay, and would further expansion on even a larger scale may be expected. This will tend to further increase the demand for British Columbia lumber and assure prosperity for East Kootenay and other districts shipping mill products to the east across the great divide. A feature of the lumbering industry at this time is that many mills have recently installed much higher grade of material than has been the case heretofore. The move is significant, inasmuch as it indicates prosperity in the Territories when a considerable demand arises for the better grades of lumber, while it indicates also that the lumber men down the industry established on a permanent basis.

In the Columbia valley out of the four fair mills there is only one that can be said to be working and that one is the Howland. At this end of the valley we have the other three. One of these is back in the mountains and used only for mining purposes, while the other two are in the valley and could easily arrange to ship down the river. One of them will cut some lumber this season but will not be able to supply even the local demand, while the third mill evidently will not turn a wheel. Such lack of enterprise is lamentable and already we are hearing of how they must bring lumber in either from Wawa or Golden. This should not be, but it is a fact nevertheless.

There are many splendid timber limits already staked and plenty more to be

had all along the valley, and there is every opportunity to carry on a big lumber trade. As pointed out before the steamershiping on Columbia river would gradually give very low rates down the river as they are never over-burdened with freight in that direction.

An act now before the British House of Commons states that the practice of instituting actions against proprietors, editors and publishers of newspapers from frivolous pretexts, with the object of buying blackmail, has become so common as to be an abuse of legal procedure and a grave injury to an honorable body of men. It provides, first, that no action for alleged libel contained in a newspaper shall be commenced until the person has obtained the attorney-general or solicitor-general that there are reasonable grounds for bringing it; and has received permission to do so; secondly, in the event that such application is unsuccessful, all costs and expenses incurred by the nominal defendant must be paid by the nominal plaintiff.

Reports from the Transvaal indicate that recent additions to production will bring the total product up to \$30,000,000 a year. By the middle of June the rate of production is expected to be \$50,000,000.

The Drama

Communicated:

A large audience congregated together on St. Patrick's night in the Windermere Hall to witness the two farcical plays put on by the Windermere Amateur Dramatic Club.

The curtain was raised punctually at 8:30 on "The Misfit Advertisement." The character of Silas Green, an old bachelor farmer, was admirably carried out by J. L. Howerton, while Mrs. R. A. Kingston, as sister Mattie the spinster aunt, kept the audience in merriment at her clever personification of the typical old maid, being well supported by Jack and Lottie Shaw two brothers, which characters were well sustained by Mrs. R. W. Patmore and Mrs. Peter Hart, their comical acting keeping the audience in excellent humor. The Grand Mother, a deaf but very old lady, was well studied by Miss A. Welland.

New York in costume and Mr. C. Propper originated the audience in a gorgeous staged act with the well known song, "I'm a Poor Old Man."

The curtain was then raised on the popular farce "Paddy McGee the Labeled Boy." Great praise is due Vivian Finn for his careful study of this comical part and the constant applause by the audience showed their appreciation of his study. J. B. Bainman, as Dan McGee, assisted in his role in a very natural manner and perfectly kept up the dignity of the profession. Harry the Doctor's son, although one of those unsatisfactory parts that come in all plays, was well acted by J. S. Howerton. Mrs. Fidget, the ladies leading part, was played by Mrs. R. A. Kingston, in her usual good form, showing careful study of the character, while Mrs. R. W. Patmore as Jane and Peter Hart as the landlady, again kept the audience in excellent humor by their clever acting and side play. Reuben, the short and very long-legged boy, was well held by L. A. Bulman; he found the audience in good humor by his long-legged dancing.

The musical interludes were performed by Mr. and Mrs. Traver. Both plays were put on in up-to-date style, being well staged and of considerable dramatic interest and was being played in such a manner as to be successful as possible. The musical stage manager led upon R. Patmore, who carried out his part in a competent manner. There were about 100 people present and had not been for the inclement weather in the early part of the day a

Outlook for Metals

Is Most Encouraging—Expression of Various Prominent Authorities

Mining men throughout the Kootenays are comparing the present situation from an ore selling standpoint, with that of it is time last year when the smelters, foreign and domestic were making their contracts for the year. Copper and lead were then depressed and the ore buyers exacted pretty stiff terms, dictated in fact their own terms, now apparently the host is on the other leg, and allows something should prevent it the mine owners when they decide to make contracts can get very favorable arrangements.

The ore producers no longer insist on a ninety-day settlement and in view of the steady rise in metals this is kind of them. They offer instead either a spot cash transaction or the ninety days basis making either optional for the seller.

When the price was fixed for the silver-lead product last year the smelters—domestic and foreign—stipulated that if the price of lead went up the treatment charge then agreed upon was to increase also, a dollar for every 20 shilling rise and while foreign ore buyers for the lead trade, and for the Everett and Selkirk smelters, have, it is said, demanded the increase change of a dollar a ton referred to, the local and Nelson smelter people have quoted the old rate. Notwithstanding this, however, ore contracts remain very scarce, nor is there any likelihood of a change until the market gets more settled and the tariff changes have been announced at Ottawa.

Over in the States and at the coast all sorts of rumors are current as to the reason for the metal rise and as to some of the causes alleged to be behind the movement in the States. Mining men say that the metal trusts of the States are quite capable of taking any and all means to ensure the status of the metal market they want to see. They reason that the lead trust is actively at work at Ottawa seeking to defeat the tariff legislation impending and point to the spot work in progress throughout the Sloan and East Kootenay by unidentified agents of the trust to defeat the efforts of the Canadian lead trust to obtain recognition at the Dominion capital.

In the United States all sorts of stories are current concerning supply and demand for lead and copper and the possible future price this season for these metals. Speaking of the copper outlook the Western Mining World says in its last issue:

Following closely on the advance in the price of copper to 14 cents, announced by the United States Metals Selling Company, comes similar advance by the independent producers. A canvass of those of the largest producing companies in the country developed the fact that it is the demand for immediate consumption which has brought about the successive advances in the price of the metal. The statement was made that during January and February the United States agency had sold more copper than in any other two months of its existence."

The San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review intimates the effect of the low subsoil price in the rise of copper and other metals and contracts "official statements" issued of the supply and demand and with what is known to be the case. Referring to a circular issued by H. L. Casey in the "cheap" interest wherein it was alleged that the supply vastly exceeded the demand the Review says:

"If Casey's figures on copper production, consumption and supply are as accurate as his estimate of the output of copper stock, wire mills, electrical plants, foundries and brass mills, he is simply 'a false alarm' to set a street phony, for it is a well-known fact that these industries are crowded with orders, some of the larger concerns holding orders for delivery two years hence. He evidently expects New York in costume and Wall Street as the latter, his limited perspective is to take in the last, emptying to the west of him, which will be a market for copper in large quantities for years to come, or as long as its developments demands more telegraph and telephone, and trolley lines. The talk of over production of copper is a heathish growl. The demand is increasing yearly while the output of some of the big Michigan copper mines is diminishing."

One of the most conservative mining publications in America—The Engineering and Mining Journal, of New York—thinks that the present rise is legitimate and likely to continue. It says that the advances in prices have been slow and long delayed but that in consequence they are much better held and the market more likely to retain its strength. Metal conditions appear so favorable that there is no reason to anticipate any reaction such as might be looked for if the situation were forced or manipulated one. The fact remains that while consumers are taking all the metal which is offered producers are certainly not over or heavily stocked. Even the outlook for silver is brighter and a marked rise is looked for before the summer sets in.

When lead was at a high figure some time ago the strike in the Sloan prevented the silver-lead mines from taking full advantage of the situation and when copper was away up the Howland trouble prevented the mines of that camp from marketing their ores and realizing a large sum. Now that metals are on the rise once more the fervent hope is expressed that the old strike may be permanently settled so that the Kootenay may reap a rich harvest and make up for lost ground says the Nelson News.

A larger turnout would have been witnessed. At the termination of the plays the hall was cleared and the terpsichorean art indulged in, the wants of the inner man being looked after by Mesdames R. A. Kingston and J. B. Bainman. At 1:30 the crowd dispersed, all declaring it to have been the most successful and enjoyable time that has yet been seen in the valley.

Thanks must be extended to our Athletes, Caterers and Wilmer friends for the very neighborly way in which they turned out in such large numbers.

English Immigration

"The promoters of a wholesale immigration from England to this country will be well to continue and our immigration agents will do well to bear in mind that to send population, but to send suitable population, is their mission. Farm help is suitable, and will be welcomed. The suitability of the British farmer, with all his high qualities, is more doubtful. He is accustomed to work himself, but to set his laborers to work. He is not so familiar as the American or Canadian with machines,

nor used to do without the help of the mechanic, who in his own country is always at hand, and for want of whom at the critical moment in the Northwest he might lose his harvest. Still more certain would be the failure of a crowd of unemployed from the English cities. Young English gentlemen have generally failed on farms in the Northwest, and not a few of them went away in the contemptuous. On the ranches they have done better than in the more plucking industry. The immigrant American or repatriated Canadian of Minnesota and Dakota seems to be the right man, and no immigration agency is needed to bring him."

The foregoing is from the pen of South and there is much truth in its remarks, which are also applicable to this country. There is also another fact that the emigrant to the west will do well to remember and that is that in order to be successful on the farm he must be prepared to work hard for years. Too many who come west are too easily satisfied. Because they can make more money the first year or two than they can after ten years of work in the east they are satisfied and let the farm take care of itself while they take life easy. Twelve very strong, and is an injustice to the country. Those ranchers who give their business the same attention as the western man are the ultimately successful men, while the others are in time forced out by their own neglect. Another earth is good to man, but man must be good to mother earth, else it will die. The land in the west must be cultivated not just sapped of its resources.

This often is the worst do we see seven former promising lather, and continued mills, when they have many rods of cattle right around them and should have these products for sale? In most such cases it is gross carelessness, or, perhaps, more properly speaking it is laziness.

Golden Nuggets

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B.C., March 27.

The first carload of machinery for the Labrador's Cooperative Mining Company's smelter arrived in Golden this week. The unloading of the car was a point of interest for a number of onlookers. Another car is already on the road but as yet has not arrived.

M. Collin is laid up with a very bad attack of grippe.

J. L. McKay, of Sinclair, made a short visit to Golden this week, returning to Sinclair before.

The marquis who attended the ball at Field report having had a splendid time.

Rev. Father Leonard was in town for a few days this week.

Messrs. G. P. Wells, O. D. Huar and M. Dismard are expected home in the course of a couple of days. Mr. Wells is accompanied by his wife.

GEO. B. McKeown has gone to Calgary for a few days.

If the waving of the green on the 17th negates a persons Irishness, Golden certainly has a large majority of that nation.

The traditional stock has been busy in Golden this week, thus being busy in Golden this week.

The weeknight lecture services held by Rev. C. F. Yates are very well attended.

Golden Dist. Intends returning to Golden in the month of June.

Victor Woodland leaves for Wilmer tomorrow.

Messrs. C. A. Warren and J. E. Griffith are expected to return from their trip to the Windermere district Friday.

There is to be a working in Golden before long.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Gentle Spring is here.

1. Spencer came down from Finlay creek last week.

About ten men came down from the Paradise last week and went south.

Who said the Athabasca will not be moved? Not if Eugene knows it.

Messrs. J. E. Griffith and C. A. Warren started on their return trip to Golden Monday.

Best evidence of spring is now heard throughout the valley—"Good morning! Did you see the cays?"

T. H. Taylor, P.E.S., came down from the Paramount Mines last week and spent a few days in the valley.

Two cottages and two stables were moved from Athabasca up the lake on the ice to Windermere last week.

Those most interested in having Tabor extended to Jumbo Fork should move at once for it is much needed.

Herbie Blakely arrived here from Golden Monday and has gone up to the Paramount compressor to visit his father for a short time.

Rev. Mr. Taggart conducted his services as usual Sunday and intends going to Golden a week from Sunday. His pulpit is much admired.

The petition in circulation here asking the Legislature to build a road from Columbia river up to Number Three creek has been largely signed.

A deal is pending on the Low Queen camp of claims situated on Number Three creek, and it is quite thought that will be a busy one this summer.

Geo. Reider will go to Golden in a few days to meet Mrs. and Master Stanley Reider, who have been wintering in Ontario. George will be happy once more.

The Golden Board of Trade has seemed through its members to make a week by structure between that place and here. Thus this district will have a navigation four times a week during summer.

The Enterprise Commission Company, Limited, Liability, capital \$10,000, in 1000 shares of \$10 each, is being promoted by Chas. Estroff, of Wilmer. The purpose is to erect a two-story building duplex in Wilmer and to carry on a general commission business.

The dance given in the Athabasca hall Tuesday evening proved to be most enjoyable, which is always a foregone conclusion when the people of that town decide to make money, for there are none who in this particular as they, more especially in this line. They at all times secure the best music obtainable and so the dance is perfect, but on this occasion the music was exceptionally good, owing to the kindness of Mrs. Lake in allowing the use of her piano, upon which Mrs. Patmore and Master L. Bainman accompanied Prof. Haines's violin.

At midnight a delicious farcical was served, for which the credit is due Mrs. Lake. The attendance was good, each of the neighboring towns being well represented. The gathering broke up about 3 a.m., each and everyone declaring that they had enjoyed the dances to excess, yet regretting that the time had come for their departure.

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W. P. FRANK,

Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1903.

Lead continues to soar and the Windermere district looks good as the white metal rises higher and higher.

A Colorado woman has advertised for a second hand foot warmer. We would advise some of our widowed friends hereabouts not to allow their timid natures to get the best of them, but grasp the hint at once.

A school of journalism has been established in New York. If the faculty can succeed in inculcating a knowledge of how to evade the sheriff and dodge the supreme court regulations the academy may be a success.—Paystreak

The fact that the C.P.R. shows on all its latest maps a railway under construction through this valley means that something will be happening right here before very many moons. Those who keep their eyes on the Columbia valley from now on will see things worth watching, but those who wisely invest now will reap their reward.

Mr. Bruce's suggestion to the Board of Trade to have signs put up at the railway depots at Golden and Cranbrook reading, "This is the jumping off place to reach the Windermere Mining District," is a splendid one. Also to have large specimens of our various ores piled up under the signs, and it cannot be carried out too soon.

The majority of failures among mining companies were due to want of capital to explore their properties their stocks being issued paid up, leaving no funds in the treasury. The other failures were merely stock schemes, the main object being to dispose of promoter's shares. Future stock purchasers will do well to remember this, and should never buy any but treasury stock.

The Wilmer Board of Trade has finally completed its organization and as it is now in a good position to keep the financial end in good shape it may be safe to predict that it will be a lasting organization. The numerous attempts to organize different societies heretofore have failed through mainly for the reason that there was no financial standing to them. It is a fact that the ordinary way of calling a meeting and "passing the hat" to finance each special object is objectionable, although most men will refer to it only in a whisper. The Board of Trade, however, has taken the "bull by the horns" and its member will be able to attend the meetings without tapping the till each time, as the annual fee is set at a figure that should prove sufficient to meet all expenses for that period.

Already the membership roll has assumed very respectable proportions and it is certain to increase considerably. The small amount of business accomplished during the time consumed in perfecting the organization has shown splendid results and is evidence of what united action can accomplish. And it is self-evident that every man who is at all interested in this vicinity will find it a benefit to become a member.

During the time occupied in organizing some had an idea that the public were to be excluded, but that idea is now dispelled as the public are invited to attend the meetings and see how business is conducted by the Board. It was thought best by those men who started the movement to work quietly until they were sure that it would prove successful, which all will admit was a wise policy to pursue.

The objects of the Board is to take up everything of interest to Wilmer and also of the Windermere District. With such a body it will be as easy a matter to deal with small things as great, so that in everything the general interest of the public can be better served, while the opportunities of a single person or cliques, to take advantage of general interests will be greatly diminished.

One of the greatest advantages that the district will have in connection with the Board is affiliating with the Associated Board of Trade of Kootenay, which it has been decided to apply for. This move will assist in bringing

the place before the whole country in a way that nothing else could do, beside having the benefit of their influence in matters of importance, both local and provincial.

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OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

Following is the number of pounds of ore shipped from the Windermere District, together with the values. Most of these figures are correct and the others are as close as it is possible to obtain them.

The corrections made this issue are in the Delphine and Paradise. The last returns of Delphine ore, consisting of 102,650 pounds, shows the value to be \$3,816.00. The last shipment of Paradise ore to the smelter was 275,000 pounds and it is estimated that there is now 1,000,000 pounds in transit.

Mine	Pounds.	Value
Paradise.....	1,874,000	
" In transit	1,000,000	
Delphine.....	176,441	\$7,346.00
" In transit	135,500	
Total Ore in transit	162,000	
Swansea.....	4,000	
White Cat.....	7,000	
Silver Belt.....	29,500	1,450.00
M. T. Fraction...	69,936	4,204.92
Bryan.....	1,000	49.00
	4,934,477	\$19,115.92

Croppings

Seeds, Seeds, Seeds, see Yates.

Wilmer is to have two butcher shops.

The Governor is on sale at A. R. Yates' Drug Store, Wilmer.

W. F. Butten leaves shortly for the Coast to purchase spring and summer goods for the Peterborough Trading Co.

There is now reason to believe that the schedule for the Cranbrook Wilmer mail will be arranged to suit the convenience of the general public.

F. L. Snook leaves today for Golden to bring up a quantity of meat which he is getting from the prairie province in his Wilmer Meat Market, which will be opened in the Chamberlain Block April 1st.

The London Statist estimates that a total of \$1,265,000,000 English money had gone to the Transvaal for investment.

At Georgetown, Colorado, the Kelly tunnel was driven 300 feet during the month last November with three drill-works in the face. This is admitted to be the record for work in that section.

Nelson News: The Fort Steele delegates to the Associated Boards of Trade convention report that the survey has been completed on the Canadian Central Railway in the direction of Stirling, under T. E. McNeil and J. T. Laidlaw. The main line from Elko to Golden along Kootenai and C. Pacific valleys.

BABY'S FIRST LETTER

Don't go runnin' on me, fellers,
Somethin' stickin' in my throat
For this letter's from my baby,
An' the first she ever wrote,
Gen'rally I'm game—you know it,
An' can stand for lots of chaff—
Take yer joshin' good and plenty
An' not do a thing but lart;
But this letter, with its scrawlin',
Strikes a whole lot different note,
For it's from my only baby,
An' the first she ever wrote.
Wrote it all herself—my girlie;
Took her three, four hours, I guess,
Though they're only two short pages
Filled with baby blessedness;
Starts it out, "I love you, papa"—
Then th' lines all seems t' float—
Do you blame me? She's my baby;
It's the first she ever wrote.
Way off there beyond th' mountains
By a sunny, summer sea,
Spellin' out her daddy's letters
An' a-singin' love t' me—
What? Not you big boobies cryin'!
Why, it ain't your baby's note;
It's my own wee girlie's letter,
Very first she ever wrote.
No—no runnin' on me, fellers,
Somethin' chokes me in my throat
'Cause this letter's from my baby,
An' the first she ever wrote.
—Baltimore American.

LAND OF GOLD

"It is natural for man to indulge the illusions of hope," said the philosopher. And nothing so beckons to never fields or offers rewards more desired than the hope of wealth. There are other passions which sweep certain natures out of self-control, and other aspirations that appeal to mankind here and there. But none claim so nearly universal a following or lay upon its votaries tasks so severe as the love of wealth. Even where other delights are much desired, the race regards a fortune as the certain means of gratifying a wish more precious and while money alone would prove a small temptation, money as the means to an end stands confessed the almost universal master.

Hungering, then, for the sweets of that land where gold in profusion shall be at hand, or even by another passion which gold may help to gratify, men dedicate their days and invade their nights with the one engrossing strife for money. No task is too tiresome, no sacrifice too great, if the rewards be plentiful. No ties can defy the breaking, no logic can discourage, when this ghost of Minas points the way. But this is true. The gambling instincts in the race must account for much of the fever of expectation. Men who have no hope of accumulating wealth in the familiar struggle that rages all about them are fired with the belief that they can easily encompass million in a single instant. Yet the stern qualities that make men plodders to quietness and established conditions are the same that insure a like reward in the newer field. Sagacity, judgment, industry, self-control—these are the title deeds to wealth in old communities. And without them few men will acquire and none will keep riches in a newer land. The land of gold lies right around your own door.

A board of trade has been formed at Wallace, Idaho, for the promotion of the mining industry. It is the purpose to help the small operator, and maintain a general publicity bureau, and also bring labor and capital together.

Reports indicate that the surplus earnings of the American Smelting and Refining Company for the month of December were 1 per cent on the common stock. They are said to have a cash surplus for working capital equal to \$25,000,000.

One Russian rig boring machine is being used at Beaumont. The type has about double the strength of the American standard, and is peculiarly useful in boring through solid rock.

Rev. M. Taggart will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 11 a. m., Atholmer at 3 p. m., and Wilmer at 7:30 p. m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Galena. Everybody is welcome.

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Stop That Cough!



A good many people have thought that a cough didn't amount to much—most excellent people whose friends were sorry to lose them. Now don't make this mistake—a cough is the first step toward serious and often fatal sickness; stop it right there!

My White Pine Compound in 25c. and 50c. bottles has proved a marvellous cough stopper. If you've just begun to cough the 25c. size will fix you; if it's an old cough, try a larger bottle. It always relieves, and except in the most desperate cases it always cures.

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